



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Keith D. ALLEN

Serial No.: 09/903,395

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Title: Transgenic Mice Containing Melanocortin-3 Receptor Gene Disruptions

Group Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: Wilson, Michael C.

Customer No. 26619

Docket/Order No. R-653

Date: July 16, 2003

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendments
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 16, 2003 concerning the Examiner's restriction to the claims in connection with the above-referenced application, Applicants elect without traverse Group III (claims 8, 11, 12, 17-26, 28 and 30-32). Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for response to the Office Action for a period of two (2) months from May 16, 2003 up to and including July 16, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 7/16/03

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